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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62372

Norio KAWAMURA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/739,671

Group Art Unit: 1732

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Examiner: Monica A. Fontaine

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For: MOLDING AND TENTATIVELY RETAINING MOLD AND METHOD OF MOLDING
AND TENTATIVE RETENTION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 26, 2002, please consider the remarks
as submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 4-6 have been elected for prosecution in the above-identified application pursuant
to Election/Restriction requirement dated August 23, 2002.

The Examiner rejects claims 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over
Endo et al. (Endo). Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection as follows.

Applicants' invention as defined in claims 4-6 provides a method for molding and
tentative retention comprising a unique combination of steps including, *inter alia*, "moving
relatively said at least one movable mold with respect to said another movable mold by a